

I am a flight attendant for United Airlines and I would like to voice my opinion about allowing cell phones to be used in flight. I think it is an extremely bad idea for several reasons. First, there is no proof that using cell phones doesn't interfere with navigational equipment; second, it is difficult to get people to pay attention during your safety announcements as it is, can you imagine interrupting their phone conversation for something as trivial as how to get out of a burning plane?; thirdly, people can be very loud on phones and it could become very obnoxious very quickly, and people's tempers could rise enough to start an altercation on the plane; and finally, even though you all may think it would help with safety, it could also help terrorists! Think about it. They would be able to give information to each other in the air without our knowledge that they are together or to others on the ground. Not a smart move. Everyone wants to cater to the flying public and make things easier -- well, that is not my job. My job is to get the flying public from point A to point B as safely and as uneventfully as possible and give them good service along the way. Allowing cell phones in flight could make this even more difficult! Please don't allow cell phones to be used in flight. Thank you for your time. Linda Carroll